

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (original) A device for preparing and ejecting polymeric cement made from at least two pre-packaged components, said device comprising:

a tubular vessel including a first axial end wall having a closed outlet, and a second axial end wall having an aperture, wherein a first starting component of the polymeric cement is present inside said tubular vessel near the first axial end wall;

a shaft extending through said aperture of the second axial end wall, having a first section outside said vessel and a second section inside said vessel;

a piston element comprising a closed container filled with a second starting component of the polymeric cement, the container having a bore and being slidingly engaged upon the second section of said shaft;

an agitator element mounted on the end of the second section of said shaft;

wherein said piston element is selectively lockable to said shaft; and

wherein opening means for providing an opening in said closed container are provided, which opening means are operable by said shaft.

2. (original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said shaft is hollow, and is provided with a venting port.

3. (currently amended) A device according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the shaft is provided with a screw thread section near the agitator element, and the bore of the container is also provided partly with a co-operating screw thread section.

4. (currently amended) A device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ **claim 1**, wherein the tubular vessel has a non-circular cross-section.

5. (original) A device according to claim 4, wherein the tubular vessel has an elliptical cross-section.

6. (currently amended) A device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ **claim 1**, wherein the opening means comprise at least one puncturing element for puncturing the wall of the container.

7. (original) A device according to claim 6, wherein said puncturing element is a hollow needle.

8. (currently amended) A device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ **claim 1**,

wherein said opening means are fixed to the agitator element.

9. (currently amended) A device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the opening means are provided on a plate slidingly engaged upon the second section of the shaft and arranged between the agitator element and the piston element.

10. (currently amended) A device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the first component is solid particulate material, and the second component is liquid.

11. (new) A device for preparing and ejecting polymeric cement made from at least two pre-packaged components, said device comprising:

a tubular vessel including a first axial end wall having a closed outlet, and a second axial end wall having an aperture, wherein a first starting component of the polymeric cement is present inside said tubular vessel near the first axial end wall;

a hollow shaft extending through said aperture of the second axial end wall, having a first section outside said vessel and a second section inside said vessel;

a piston element comprising a closed container filled with a second starting component of the polymeric cement, the container having a bore and being slidingly engaged upon the second section of said shaft;

an agitator element mounted on the end of the second section of said shaft;

wherein said piston element is selectively lockable to said shaft;

wherein opening means for providing an opening in said closed container are provided, which opening means are operable by said shaft; and

wherein the opening means comprise at least one puncturing element for puncturing the wall of the container.

12. (new) A device according to claim 11, wherein the tubular vessel has a non-circular cross-section.

13. (new) A device according to claim 11, wherein the tubular vessel has an elliptical cross-section.

14. (new) A device according to claim 11, wherein the opening means comprise at least one puncturing element for puncturing the wall of the container.

15. (new) A device for preparing and ejecting polymeric cement made from at least two pre-packaged components, a first component of solid particulate material, and a second

component of liquid, said device comprising:

a tubular vessel including a first axial end wall having a closed outlet, and a second axial end wall having an aperture, wherein a first starting component of the polymeric cement is present inside said tubular vessel near the first axial end wall;

a hollow shaft extending through said aperture of the second axial end wall, having a first section outside said vessel and a second section inside said vessel, said shaft provided with a venting port;

a piston element comprising a closed container filled with a second starting component of the polymeric cement, the container having a bore and being slidably engaged upon the second section of said shaft;

an agitator element mounted on the end of the second section of said shaft;

wherein said piston element is selectively lockable to said shaft;

wherein opening means for providing an opening in said closed container are provided, which opening means are operable by said shaft; and

wherein the opening means comprise at least one puncturing element for puncturing the wall of the container.

16. (new) A device according to claim 15, wherein the shaft is provided with a screw thread section near the agitator element, and the bore of the container is also provided partly with a co-operating screw thread section.

17. (new) A device according to claim 15, wherein said puncturing element is a hollow needle.

18. (new) A device according to claim 15, wherein the opening means are provided on a plate slidably engaged upon the second section of the shaft and arranged between the agitator element and the piston element.